

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION

No. 5:25-CV-249-FL

EDYTA HANNA BASISTA and AMY  
HENDRICKS PALACIOS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Defendants sued in their official and  
individual capacities:  
SENATOR SYDNEY BATCH; JUDGE  
CHRISTY E. WILHELM; JUDGE  
NATHANIEL M. KNUST; MAGISTRATE  
PHILLIP POWE; OFFICER TYLER  
BURNS; OFFICER TRYSTAN JORDAN;  
JUDGE JULIE L. BELL; JUDGE PAUL C.  
PITTMAN; JUDGE WINSTON ROZIER;  
JUDGE GEORGE R. HICKS III; JUDGE  
MARGARET P. EAGLES; FORMER  
JUDGE DONNA HEDGEPEETH JOHNSON;  
JOHN DOE (as NCDHHS Enforcement  
Officer).,

Defendants sued in their individual capacities  
only:  
ATTORNEY HERBERT J. WHITE;  
MATTHEW BLEDSOE; BRAD URBAN;  
ATTORNEY EVONNE S. HOPKINS; DR.  
LINDA NORRIS; DR. CYNTHIA  
SORTISIO; ATTORNEY JOHN T.  
CROOK; ATTORNEY ROBERT SHIELDS;  
KAREN SWINEHART; ATTORNEY  
MEREDITH S. NICHOLSON; ATTORNEY  
KRISTIN RUTH; ATTORNEY RANDELL  
HASTINGS; STEPHEN MARINO; JOHN  
DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

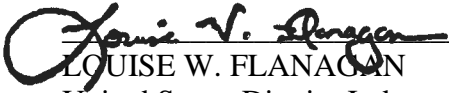
ORDER

This matter is before the court on plaintiffs' request for a temporary restraining order (DE 7), and plaintiffs' motions to seal (DE 9, 10).<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs, proceeding pro se, seek the court 1) declare certain state child custody, support, and termination orders void ab initio; 2) enjoin defendants from enforcing these orders; 3) enjoin any wage garnishments, asset freezes, or financial collections against plaintiff Palacios; 4) order immediate restoration of plaintiff Basista's parental rights; 5) strike documents from a state court's docket; and 6) prohibit certain retaliation, harassment or obstruction.

Plaintiffs fail clearly to show by facts in an affidavit or verified complaint that they will suffer immediate and irreparable injury before defendants can be heard in opposition, or to certify in writing any effort made to give notice or reason why it should not be required. Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b)(1). Their request for a temporary restraining order is DENIED.

Plaintiffs also move to seal various documents. Plaintiffs' first motion requests the sealing of an order issued by a state court, filed as an exhibit to plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunctive relief. Plaintiffs' second motion is less clear, but appears to request sealing of at least the other exhibits to plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunctive relief. These exhibits all contain sensitive medical information and the full names of minor children, and one contains sensitive banking record information. Therefore, for good cause shown, plaintiffs' motions to seal these filings are ALLOWED. The clerk is DIRECTED to maintain docket entries 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, and 8 under seal.

SO ORDERED, this the 22nd day of May, 2025.

  
LOUISE W. FLANAGAN  
United States District Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Also pending is plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction (DE 7), not yet ripe.